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## ERRATA.

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" 8 " " for "and separates," *read* "separating."
" 2 " " for "Nevada," *read* "Sierra."

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" 158, 1st line from top, for "95" *read* "96."
" 169, in the formula and in the line below it, for "$v$" *read* "$V$."
" 170, 3d line from bottom, after "as much as," insert "one fourth of."
" 236, line 17 from top, for "80," *read* "90."
" 298, 19th line from bottom for "inside" *read* "irised."
" 331, line 5 from bottom, after "the beak of the" insert "smaller valve in the."
" 332, line 19 from top, after "identical" insert "with foreign forms."
" 333, line 10 from top, after "Cretaceous" insert "and perhaps Tertiary."